for its further improvement. A questionnaire was issued by the committee to a large number of persons and institutions interested in the Co-operative movement in the State. A digest has been prepared of the replies received thereto. The committee examined several persons and inspected a few typical societies during their tours. It is hoped that the committee will be able to submit their final report by the close of Tulam 1109. Provision has therefore been made for the continuance of the committee till that date. A provision of Rs 7,000 has been made in the budget for 1109 for the purchase of house sites in urban areas for depressed classes and for sinking wells in their colonies and settlements. The office of the Protector of Depressed classes is also proposed to be slightly strengthened on account of additional work. The increase in the volume of work relating to the tabulation of figures, issue of audit orders, etc., in connection with the preparation of the annual report of the Co-operative Department requires the continuance of the Temporary Assistant Registrar at least until the Devadhar Committee submit their final report. Provision is therefore made in the budget for 1109 for the continuance of the post of Assistant Registrar and for a temporary additional establishment. Provision is also made for the continuance of the existing five Group Secretaries for Co-operative Societies of Depressed Classes, and of the seven temporary Inspectors and their peons for the whole of 1109.

26. *Miscellaneous Departments.*—A lump provision of Rs. 15,000 has been made in the budget for the appointment of Trade Agents. A small provision has also been made for the translation of the Census Report into Malayalam.

27. *Public works.*—The allotment for ordinary P.W.D. expenditure in the next year including establishment charges and Tools and Plant is Rs 30·56 lakhs as against Rs 29 lakhs for the current year. This does not include the expenditure on Capital Works executed by the Public Works and Electrical departments which is met out of the accumulated surplus of previous years. When the estimated outlay on Capital Works is also taken into account the budget grant for the next year amounts to Rs 49·11 lakhs. Besides for the continuance of the existing temporary staff for the investigation of minor irrigation in the State, provision is made for the continuance of the temporary staff sanctioned in the current year for investigation of a Drainage Scheme for the Trivandrum Town. An allotment of Rs ·27 of a lakh has been provided for the purpose under Establishment besides Rs 5,000 under Incomplete Works. Provision has also been made for the investigation of Town-Planning schemes. Full details of the works in progress and new works are given in Appendix B to the Budget Estimates. The works proposed to be executed by the P. W. D. next year out of the Road Development Fund amount to Rs 2·17 lakhs as detailed in Appendix D. Since the last monsoon, difficulties are being experienced in shipping at Alleppey owing to the rapid accretions of sand. Arrangements are being made for the extension of the Silver Jubilee Pier at Alleppey and a provision of Rs 30,000 has been made

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